## **Introduced by Senator Ducheny**

February 18, 2005

An act relating to health facilities.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 491, as introduced, Ducheny. Health facilities: seismic safety. The existing Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 states the Legislature's intent that hospital buildings that house patients who have less than the capacity of normally healthy persons to protect themselves, and that must be reasonably capable of providing services to the public after a disaster, be designed and constructed to resist, insofar as practical, the forces generated by earthquakes, gravity, and winds.

This bill would state the Legislature's intent to define, for purposes of the above provision of the act, "insofar as practical."

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature intends to define, for purposes
- 2 of subdivision (a) of Section 129680 of the Health and Safety
- 3 Code contained in the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities
- 4 Seismic Safety Act of 1983, "insofar as practical."

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